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In re Application of :  
Edward S. Ellis, et al. :  
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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 22, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed March 19, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on June 20, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Cheryl Gibson-Baylor at (703)308-5111, or in her absence, Sherry D. Brinkley at (703)305-9220.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700, Art Unit 1764 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, filed on January 22, 2003.

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